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1. ILLICIT NARCOTIC SITUATION IN THAILAND

A. THAILAND REMAINS A PRIME CONDUIT FOR NARCOTICS FLOWING OUT OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE. THE THAI GOVERNMENT CHANGED OCTOBER 20, WITH PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHAMAN AND HIS CABINET REPLACING THANIN KRAIWICHIE. THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED ITS COMMITMENT TO NARCOTIC CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS CONTINUE AT AN EFFECTIVE LEVEL. THE RTG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CONTINUE TO MAKE SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS IN ALL FORMS AND IN SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS. PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY WAS ROYAL THAI CUSTOMS' SEIZURE OF NEARLY A METRIC TON OF RAW OPIUM ON AN ISLAND OFF SATUN PROVINCE ON DECEMBER 22, 1977.
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THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY THAT CHANG CHI-FU AND ARMED BURMESE DISSIDENTS MUST LEAVE THAILAND WITHIN 120 DAYS. THE THAI GOVERNMENT'S CENTRAL OFFICE FOR NARCOTICS AFFAIRS, THE NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, HAS BEEN WITHOUT A PERMANENT SECRETARY-GENERAL SINCE FEBRUARY, 1978, HAMPERING DEVELOPMENT AND EXECUTION OF NARCOTICS POLICY. (REFTEL B CONTAINS

FULLER SUMMARY OF CURRENT NARCOTIC SITUATION).

2. INC PROGRAM STATUS

A. EMBASSY AWAITS ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS IN ORDER THAT DOLLAR PROAGS WITH CUSTOMS AND POLICE CAN BE EXECUTED.

B. PROAG SIGNED RE BMHD TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROJECT AND PARTICIPANT TRAINING COVERED BY THE PROAG HAS COMMENCED. HOWEVER, ALLOTMENT REQUIRED FOR ISSUANCE OF PIO/CS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

C. PROAG SIGNED RE DTEC COUNTERPART FUNDS (BAHT) PROVIDED ROYAL THAI CUSTOMS (RTC) IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT ACTIVITIES.

D. ALTHOUGH NO DOLLAR PROAGS FOR FY 78 EXECUTED FOR POLICE AND CUSTOMS, PROGRAMS PROCEED ALONG LINES OF LAST YEAR PROAG AND ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY 78. LACK OF US DOLLAR PROAGS HAS NOT TO DATE INTERRUPTED PROGRAM PROGRESS.

3. ASSESSMENT OF COOPERATION OF HOST GOVERNMENT

A. THE RTG'S WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS IS CONTINUING. PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK HAS REPEATEDLY STRESSED IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM OF NARCOTICS CONTROL, AND THE NECESSITY FOR COOPERATION AMONG CONCERNED COUNTRIES IF INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE TO BE COUNTERED EFFECTIVELY. ALSO THE RTG HAS A NEW DRAFT NARCOTICS BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION WHICH STIFFENS PENALTIES FOR TRAFFICKING AND PRODUCTION OF NARCOTICS CONSIDERABLY.

B. POLICE AND CUSTOMS CONTINUE TO COOPERATE FULLY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

C. RTG HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM EVIDENCED BY PROGRESS TO DATE. HOWEVER, CONTINUED USG AND OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES' ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED.

4. PROBLEMS

A. THE RTG INTERNATIONAL EFFORT IS STILL HAMPERED BY THE LIMITED NUMBER OF ENFORCEMENT UNITS WITH NARCOTICS TRAINING AND PERENNIAL PROBLEMS OF NARCOTICS ASSOCIATED CORRUPTION.

B. THE DELAY IN APPOINTING A NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR ONCB BY RTG LIMITS DECISION MAKING BY ONCB WHICH INDIRECTLY EFFECTS NEW INITIATIVES OF POLICE AND CUSTOMS AND PREVENTS MORE RAPID MOVEMENT TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF A CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM.

C. CONTINUING PROBLEMS REMAIN WITH REGARD TO
MAINTENANCE/SPARE PARTS OF POLICE NARCOTIC HELICOPTERS.

D. THE LACK OF DOLLAR ALLOTMENTS FOR PROJECTS
SLOWS DEVELOPMENT OF DOLLAR PROAGS FOR POLICE AND CUSTOMS
NARCOTICSPROJECTS.

5. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

A. NEW NARCOTIC LAW BEING PROPOSED BY GOVERNMENT.

B. THE EXECUTION OF BMHD TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION
PROAG AND COMMENCEMENT OF RELATED U.S. PARTICIPANT
TRAINING IS MOST SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT DURING
THE REPORTING PERIOD. (REFTEL C).

C. OF LESSER SIGNIFICANCE BUT STILL IMPORTANT WAS THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU OF EDUCATION, RTP MOBILE TRAINING
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TEAM SCHEDULE FOR FY 78, AND COMMENCEMENT OF SUCH TRAINING.

D. ALSO SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT INIATATIVE WAS
DEVELOPMENT OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CUSTOMS
PERSONNEL LOCATED OUTSIDE BANGKOK AND COMMENCEMENT OF THAT
TRAINING BY RTC IN SONGKHLA.

E. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN GENERAL NARCOTIC
CONTROL FOR THIS PERIOD ARE REPORTED IN REFTELS C
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6. INC ASSISTANCE RECEIVE DURING REPORTING PERIOD
(OCTOBER - MAY 31, 1978)

A. - TDY, RETKA, RE ONCB TREATMENT PROGRAM
ASSISTANCE

- TDY, PAUL KATZ, RE USE SC-120 TRANSCEIVERS
SURPLUS TO PAKISTAN
- TDY, ELLIOTT CHAN, RE CUSTOMS COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM

B. COMMODITIES RECEIVED
1) CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
PIO/C 70015 - SPARE PARTS FOR FM 5 AND FM
10, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 65.

PIO/ 59152 - SIMPSON VACUUM TUBE VOLT
OHM METER
PIO/C 50018 - GRINDING DISCS, HOLDING PAD
- GRINDING DISCS, 300 EACH
- GRINDER

PIO/C 70018 - ITEMS E1, E2, E3
PIO/C 70016 - ITEMS 2, 14, AND 15
NOTE: ITEMS NOT ABOARD SS AMERICAN
ASTRONAUT AS SCHEDULED:

PIO/C 70016 - ITEMS 10, 11, 12 AND 13
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PIO/C 70018 - ITEM A-4
PIO/C 70018, ITEMS D-18 THROUGH D-24
AGENT BELIEVES MAY ARRIVE NEXT TRIP SS AMERICAN
ASTRONAUT

2) LAW ENFORCEMENT
PIO/C 40091 - SUBSTANTIALLY ALL HELICOPTER
SPARE PARTS
PIO/C 70027 - ITEMS 72, 73, 74 AND 75
SC-120 TRANSCEIVERS FROM PAKISTAN
TOYOTA SEDAN FOR PROJECT USE

C. TRAINING PROVIDED
EXECUTIVE TOUR - 2 PARTICIPANTS
DEA COURSE - 6 PARTICIPANTS
CUSTOMS MID-MANAGEMENT TRAINING (U.S.) - 3
PARTICIPANTS
CUSTOMS 3RD COUNTRY - 3 PARTICIPANTS (SAME AS
3 ABOVE)
PNSC 3RD COUNTRY - 3 PARTICIPANTS
BMHD (TREATMENT) - 10 PARTICIPANTS (IN PROGRESS)
D. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED INC ACTIVITIES (OCT. 1 -
MAR. 31, 1978)
FOLLOWING FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES:

| | DH AMERICAN | DH LOCAL | RTG (ASSIGNED NCU) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| PROJECT OFFICER | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TRAINING ADVISOR | 1 (PASA/DEA) | 0 | 0 |
| CUSTOMS ADVISOR, OPERATIONS | 1 (PASA/CUST) | 0 | 0 |
| CUSTOMS ADVISOR, MARINE OPERATIONS | 1 (PASA/CUST) | 0 | 0 |
| CUSTOMS ADVISOR, UNCLASSIFIED | | | |

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| MARINE MAINTENANCE | 1 (PASA/CUST) | 0 | 0 |
| ASST. PROJECT OFFICER | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CUSTOMS SPECIALIST | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| DRIVER | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| SECRETARY (CUSTOMS) | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 5 | 3 | 3 |

FINANCIAL DATA

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COMPONENT BREAKDOWN (10/1/77-3/31/78) (10/1/77-3/31/78)

NET OBLIGATION NET OBLIGATION

FY-78 & PY FY-78 & PY

ACC.EXPEND. ACC.EXPEND.

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------|
| PERSONNEL (U.S.) | 31,395.781/ 31,491.80 | -0- | (1,329.93) |
| PERSONNEL (LOCAL) | 11,302.872/ 11,302.87 | -0- | -0- |
| COMMODITIES | 2,452.183/ 10,379.82 | | 124,000.47 |
| PARTICIPANT TRAINING | -0- -0- | | 10,950.00 |
| OTHER COSTS | 2,808.67 2,522.11 | -0- | |
| TOTAL | 47,959.50 55,696.60 | -0- | 133,620.54 |

493-0239 493-0299

COMPONENT BREAKDOWN (10/1/77-3/31/78) (10/2/77-3/31/78)

NET OBLIGATION NET OBLIGATION

FY-78 & PY FY-78 & PY

ACC.EXPEND. ACC.EXPEND.

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|-------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| PERSONNEL (U.S.) | -0- | (32,714.79) | -0- | -0- |
| PERSONNEL (LOCAL) | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| COMMODITIES | -0- | 92,755.50 | -0- | -0- |
| PARTICIPANT TRAINING | 2,500.00 | 3,900.00 | 31,600.00 | 17,460.00 |
| OTHER COSTS | -0- | 4,819.99 | -0- | -0- |
| TOTAL | 2,500.00 | 68,760.70 | 31,600.00 | 17,460.00 |

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1/ PERSONNEL (U.S.) - MR. LEIGH M. BRILLIANT

2/ PERSONEL (LOCAL) - BOONSONG SUNTHADVANICH

KANDA SURASAKULWAT

SAMNAO POLPANICH

3/ COMMODITIES - 300,000 PCS. PLASTIC COVERED RULERS FOR

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